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A report by the AP based on a large cache of documents received under the Freedom of Information Act finds that multiple state and federal agencies were frustrated at not receiving requested material from the Pebble Limited Partnership. "The current process is beneficial to Pebble Partners. However, the process is not beneficial to the Agencies," read one line from the minutes of a meeting. Additionally, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Biologist wrote in an e-mail to colleagues that a technical working group with Pebble is a "huge time sink," and "does not seem like a good use of our time."

In other news, Tim Osmar and Monica Zappa, Musers for Bristol Bay, were featured in several publications in Wisconsin, as well as in an 8-minute video clip that went out to 25 markets in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. Also, leading financial experts issued an investor advisory that details the growing list of regulatory, legal, engineering, and political challenges facing the Pebble project. And, a story by [miningweekly.com](#) quoted a Northern Dynasty official saying the company is shopping the Pebble project to others such as BHP Billiton and Chinese groups, and likely a consortium of mining companies will develop it. The article added, "Over the past year, the market has cut the implied value of Pebble significantly, if Northern Dynasty's share price is any measure to go by."

The *Peninsula Clarion* newspaper endorses a bill by Sen. Hollis French of Anchorage to not allow large-scale mines over 640 acres unless the Legislature finds that they will not "constitute danger to the fishery." An excerpt of the Clarion's opinion reads: "We support SB 152 because the Alaska Legislature needs to be involved in any issue that might prove harmful to the Bristol Bay fishery, which in 2011 produced a harvest of 21.9 million fish with a commercial value of \$137.7 million, according to preliminary numbers from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game."

Finally, the EPA has called for nominations to a peer-review panel for its Bristol Bay Watershed Draft Assessment, an important review step before it releases the draft and begins a public comment period.

For more information, go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

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Concerns raised about Pebble Mine study process

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Anchorage Daily News, Juneau Empire, KTUU, Alaska Journal of Commerce

The group behind a massive copper and gold prospect near a world premier salmon fishery has released what has been billed as "one of the most exhaustive environmental study programs in the history of U.S. mineral development."... [Click here to read more](#)

EPA seeks scientist nominations for Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment peer review panel

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites the public to nominate qualified scientists to be considered for an external peer review panel that will evaluate EPA's draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment... [Click here to read more](#)

Legislature should favorably consider SB 152 for Bristol Bay Region

Editorial

Peninsula Clarion

Anyone who has lived on the Peninsula long enough will tell you that decisions regarding our fisheries are of the utmost importance to our livelihoods today and in the long term... [Click here to read more](#)

Anglo American's Pebble Mine poses High Risks for Investors

Marketwatch

An investor advisory released today raises significant questions about the serious risks associated with Anglo American plc's Pebble mine project in southwest Alaska... [Click here to read more](#)

Where Water is Gold: Bristol Bay and the Pebble Mine (Part 1 of 4)

Carl Johnson

The Mud Flats

The Bristol Bay region of southwest Alaska is rich with seven river systems that provide incredible habitat to a variety of wildlife and fish, notably salmon. But people in the region fear the development of a massive gold and copper mine at the headwaters of two of those rivers, a development known as the Pebble Mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Proposed open Pit Pebble Mine threatens important Alaskan fishery

Keweenaw Now

Bristol Bay, Alaska, described as a "gem in a jewel," is being threatened by a potential open pit mine called Pebble Mine. Last night, Feb. 21, at the Orpheum Theater in Hancock, the Copper Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CCCTU) hosted two Alaskan

dog mushers, Monica Zappa and Tim Osmar... [Click here to read more](#)

Northern Dynasty sees Consortium of Majors developing Pebble as permitting approaches

Matthew Hill

Creamer's Mining Weekly

The massive, and equally controversial, Pebble project in Alaska will most likely be developed by a consortium of major mining firms, a spokesperson for Northern Dynasty, the 50% owner, said this week... [Click here to read more](#)

Mushing with a Message

Dave Carlson

WQOW TV

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Sled dog weekend launches in city

Johanna Boyle

The Mining Journal

Mushers from many different backgrounds and racing experiences gathered at the Holiday Inn in Marquette Thursday for the mushers banquet and bib draw, kicking off the Upper Peninsula Sled Dog Association U.P. 200 weekend. Running as a rookie in the U.P. 200 this year is Alaskan musher Tim Osmar. A salmon fisherman in the summers... [Click here to read more](#)

And they're off! Sled dogs take on UP 200

Ana Simovska

Upper Michigan Source

Mushers took off from Chatham Friday evening to mark off the 2012 UP 200 sled dog race... [Click here to read more](#)

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